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Honorable Anne K. Quinlan Acting Secretary Surface Transportation Board 395 E Street, S.W. Washington, D. C. 20423

E: Finance Docket No. 35175, Roseburg Forest Products Co., Timber Products Company, LC, Suburban Propane, LP, Cowley D&L, Inc., Sousa Ag Service, and Yreka Western Railroad Company—Alternative Rail Service—Central Oregon & Pacific Railroad, Inc.

Ex Parte No. 346 (Sub-No. 25C), Rail General Exemption Authority—Petition for Partial Revocation of Commodity Exemption—Lumber or Wood Products

Dear Acting Secretary Quinlan:

Central Oregon & Pacific Railroad, Inc. ("CORP") is in receipt of the Rebuttal filed on September 8, 2008 in the above-entitled proceeding. CORP is responding to the issue of the period to hold this proceeding in abeyance for negotiations. CORP suggested 15 days because of the exigency expressed by petitioners. However, petitioners have requested that the proceeding be held in abeyance for 30 days for the parties to negotiate. CORP concurs in the request for a 30-day period for negotiations.

Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions please call or email me.

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Sincerely yours

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Cc: Parties of record